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REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF CORNISH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 13th, 1855.

WITH THE

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town-House in said Cornish, on Tuesday, the Thirteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects, viz :

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To choose a Town Clerk.

3d. To choose a Representative to represent this town in the General Court of said State.

4th. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and three Road Commissioners.

5th. To choose a Representative to represent the third Congressional District of this State, in the Congress of the United States.

6th. To choose Selectmen and all other necessary Town Officers.

7th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair Highways the ensuing year.

9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay land damages and build the road, laid out by the Selectmen the past year, commencing near the house of Nathaniel Johnson and intersecting with the road leading from Wm. R. Kimball's to Jacob Chase's, and appropriate the same.

10th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair a private way leading from the highway in School District No. 4, to the house of Lyman Bartlett.

11th. To see if the town will vote and discontinue the road or highway, laid out by the Selectmen, on the petition of Seth Johnson and others, on or about the 8th day of October last, commencing at the bars west of Nathaniel Johnson's house, and running through the Cate place, so called, to the termination where the old road formerly intersected the road leading from Wm. R. Kimball's to Jacob Chase's in Cornish.

12th. To see if the town will vote to reconsider and rescind the vote passed at a town meeting duly held on the eighteenth day of September last, to discontinue the road or highway, laid out by the Road Commissioners, on or about the fifth day of May last, on the petition of Wm. R. Kimball and others, commencing near the barn of Nathaniel Johnson and running in a southwesterly direction to the bars standing on the north side of the highway north of Wm. R. Kimball's house.

13th. To see if the town will vote to raise or hire money to pay land damages and build that portion of the highway laid out by the Road Commissioners on or about the fifth day of May last, on the petition of Wm. R. Kimball and others, commencing near the barn of Nathaniel Johnson and running in a southwesterly direction to the bars standing on the north side of the highway north of Wm. R. Kimball's house.

14th. To see if the town will choose an Agent and give him instructions to build or superintend the building of the said road or highway as described in the two foregoing articles.

15th. To see what sum of money the town will pay Levi Ayers, for damages occasioned by reason of Benjamin F. Bugbee crossing his farm to the said Bugbee's dwelling house.

16th. To see if the town will disannex the following described lands, beginning at a stake and stones in the north line of lot No. 14, in the 1st range and second division of hundred acre lots in Cornish, at the centre of said lot No. 14; thence northerly through the centre of lots No. 13 and 12; in the same range and division to the south line of lot No. 11 in the same range and division; thence westerly on the south line of said lot No. 11, to the northeast corner of James Tasker's farm; thence southerly on the east line of said Tasker's land to the north line of said lot No. 14; thence easterly

on the north line of said lot No. 14, to the place of beginning, from School District No. 11, and annex the same to School District No. 9.

17th. To see if the town will disannex the farm of George Weld from School District No. 11, and annex the same to School District No. 9. Bounded as follows: Northerly by land of Charles W. Comings, easterly by land of Constant W. Smith and Ichabod Smith, southerly by land of James Tasker, Peleg Weld, deceased, and the highway, westerly by land of Amos Pennyman, Silas Spaulding and Elijah Boardman.

18th. To see if the town will vote to disannex from School District No. 11 the rest and residue of Harrison Leslie's farm, and annex the same to School District No. 7.

19th. To see if the town will vote to raise two hundred dollars to be by the Selectmen appropriated (or such part as may be necessary) for the purpose of procuring pure spirit for the town, to be sold at cost by their agents; said agents to be paid by the town.

20th. To see what sum of money the town will raise to paint and furnish blinds for the Town-House.

21st. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road easterly of the house of Nathaniel Johnson, so far as the new road built the past year is a substitute.

22d. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road southerly of the house of John Luey, so far as the new road built the past year is a substitute.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1855.

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| HIRAM LITTLE, | } <i>Selectmen of Cornish.</i> |
| GEORGE W. WELD, | |
| JOSHUA B. WYMAN, | |

REPORTS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

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| We have assessed the inhabitants of the town of Cornish and lands of non-resident owners, the sum of | \$2819 72 |
| Also School District No. 11, | 51 55 |
| They have paid into the Treasury the following additional sums : | |
| Cash received of the town of Grantham for the support of a pauper, | 8 30 |
| Old taxes, 1851, | 24 15 |
| Literary Fund, | 106 30 |
| Interest on School Fund, | 35 00 |
| Circus License, | 30 00 |
| Cash received for the support of Mrs. Bartlett, 1854, | 39 00 |
| Cash received of County for support of paupers, | 37 19 |
| Railroad tax, | 45 35 |
| Making the whole amount, | <hr/> \$3196 56 |
| Deduct cash paid State and County Treasurers, | 696 92 |
| Leaves a balance of | <hr/> \$2499 64 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| For the support of the Poor, | 438 06 |
| Alms-House expenses, | 42 72 |
| For plank and timber, | 274 62 |
| For support of Schools, | 934 56 |
| Paid Superintending School Committee, 1853, | 36 00 |
| Zeno Hunter, execution, land damage and cost, 1853, | 99 97 |

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| Balance of Receipts brought forward, | \$2499 64 |
| Paid Bishop & Tracy, printing Reports, &c., 1853, | 11 00 |
| Austin Corbin, damage to team, | 5 00 |
| H. H. Comings, enrolling Militia, 1853, | 3 50 |
| Mitchel Coburn and others, work on roads, | 63 80 |
| D. H. Hilliard, for School District No. 11, | 50 00 |
| Kendall & Martin, damage to wagon, | 5 00 |
| George W. Weld and others, for repairing Town-House, | 279 85 |
| John Luey, land damage, | 45 00 |
| Wm. R. Kimball, execution, | 91 55 |
| John Luey and George A. Kenyon, build- ing road, | 20 48 |
| Nathaniel Johnson, land damage, | 50 00 |
| Obed Powers, building road, | 30 00 |
| Sybil M. Hilliker, for injuries received on road, | 275 00 |
| Marion M. Leet, do. do. | 25 00 |
| Samuel Hardy, do. do. | 15 00 |
| E. L. Cushing and others, attorney's fees, &c., | 40 46 |
| Lucinda Weld, for clothing, | 12 00 |
| Stephen Williams and others, notifying ju- rors, &c., | 4 75 |
| George H. Hubbard, Teachers' Institute, | 23 98 |
| J. W. Bradley, Abatement taxes, 1854, | 22 05 |
| Israel Hall, witness, | 1 00 |
| H. Little and others, guide-boards, | 22 81 |
| Postage and paper, | 1 78 |
| Orlando Powers, Pall cloth, | 8 79 |
| O. Powers, making taxes, &c., | 8 50 |
| Non-resident receipts, 1853, | 4 53 |
| Daniel Atwood, damage to saw-mill, by George Babcock, pauper, | 25 00 |
| E. Clough and others, surveying and per- ambulating town lines, | 5 12 |
| H. H. Comings, enrolling Militia, 1854, | 4 50 |

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| Balance of Receipts brought forward, | \$2499 64 |
| Paid Lyman Whitecomb, damage to horse and wagon, | 12 00 |
| G. G. Hilliard, witness, | 1 25 |
| Wm. B. Smith, shingling hearse-house, | 6 99 |
| Betsy Comings, damage done by water, | 2 42 |
| Otis F. R. Waite, printing road Petition, | 6 00 |
| Robert Nelson, damage to wagon, | 3 50 |
| Selectmen's services, | 109 50 |
| Collector's services, | 15 00 |
| Town Clerk's services, | 23 00 |
| Treasurer's services, | 10 00 |
| Contingent expenses, | 34 18 |
| | <hr/> \$3205 22 |

Which leaves a balance against the town, of \$705 61

We recommend to the inhabitants of the town of Cornish to raise,
to defray town charges the ensuing year, the sum of \$1300 00

Also, to repair highways and bridges, the sum of \$1600 00

All respectfully submitted,

HIRAM LITTLE, } *Selectmen*
 GEORGE W. WELD, } *of*
 JOSHUA B. WYMAN, } *Cornish.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount of debt now existing against the town, is \$409 06

The amount of available funds now in the possession of
the town, is 338 86

\$70 20

Leaving a balance against the town of

The debts against the town are as follows, viz :

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| On orders drawn, | \$338 43 | |
| Due School District No. 15, | 33 47 | |
| Due Geo. W. Lathrop's district in Claremont, | 3 16 | |
| Superintending School Committee (say) | 34 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$409 06 |

The available funds consist of cash on hand, 31 46

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| Balance due on note against Obed Powers, in- cluding interest, secured by real estate, (Lit- erary Fund), | 307 40 | |
| | <hr/> | \$338 86 |

SCHOOL FUND.

Notes in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting to \$470 85

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

JOHN T. BRECK, *Treasurer.*

ALMS-HOUSE REPORT.

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| Received of the County Treasurer, for support of paupers at the Alms-House, | \$17 44 |
| Cash received of Mrs. Bartlett, 1853, | 39 00 |
| Cash received of town of Grantham, | 8 30 |
| Excess of inventory above last year, consisting of provisions, stock, hay, grain, &c., | 26 13 |
| Total, | ————— \$90 87 |

For supporting this establishment, the following amount has been paid from the treasury :

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| Paid for Agent for 1854, and up to Feb. 28, 1855, | 41 72 |
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Which deducted from the above, leaves a balance in favor of the Alms-house of \$49 15

An inventory and appraisal of the personal property at the Alms-House was made on the 24th day of February, 1855, which amounts, at par cash value, to \$1446 09 ;—an increase over last year's appraisal, of \$26 13.

The produce of the Farm the past year has been as follows :—

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| 9 Calves, | 2 bushels Peas; |
| 3 Lambs, | 46 “ Oats, |
| 10 Pigs, | 25 “ Oats & Peas, |
| 50 Chickens, | 100 “ Corn, |
| 17 Turkeys, | 6½ “ Wheat, |
| 30 tons of Hay, | 800 pounds Cheese, |
| 160 bushels Potatoes, | 600 “ Butter, |
| 3 “ Carrots, | 1200 “ Pork, |
| 2 “ Beets, | 1028 “ Beef, |
| 1 “ Onions, | 25 heads Cabbage, |
| 1 “ Beans, | |

It is thought that the Grain, Provisions, &c., are amply sufficient for the season.

There has been at the Alms-house during the past year from seven to fourteen inmates. Seven have left the establishment, and the present number is seven.

All respectfully submitted,

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| HIRAM LITTLE, | } | <i>Overseers of the Poor.</i> |
| GEO. W. WELD, | | |
| J. B. WYMAN, | | |

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The care of the schools the past year has been a pleasant task. It has been gratifying to meet the teachers and scholars in their respective school rooms, to notice the mutual good feeling between teachers and scholars, the efforts of teachers to be useful to their pupils, the respect and obedience of scholars to their teachers, the interest scholars have manifested in study, and their kindness and good will one towards another.

The examination of teachers was well sustained. It did credit to themselves, and gave good evidence that they understood the branches of Common School education, and the methods of teaching them. There was only one instance in which the examination of one designing to teach was unsatisfactory. It was very unpleasant to withhold a certificate of recommendation. Those who present themselves for examination and do not obtain a certificate of recommendation, feel disappointed, think hard of the Committee, and consider it unkind and unreasonable that a certificate should not be given. It would always be the choice of the Committee to grant a certificate of recommendation to those desiring to teach, and would most cheerfully grant it, if, by so doing, the good of our schools could be promoted, and the responsibility of the office of the Committee be properly answered. It is the duty of the Committee to look for the

best interests of our schools, and to secure for their instruction well qualified teachers.

The schools have been generally well conducted ; the instruction thorough—more thorough than the Committee has witnessed in any preceding year, and the government kind, judicious and well sustained, except in one or two particular instances—and in those instances, it was evidently for the want of a little forethought, and not from any ill design. Teachers have watched over the conduct of their pupils at recess, intermission, and when about the school-house. This is an important part of a teacher's duty. There are, however, one or two instances in which this duty has been too much neglected.

The Committee has seen no occasion to dismiss a teacher, or to urge him to withdraw from his school. Nor has the Committee been called upon to notice any insubordination of scholars, though in one or two instances, scholars have left the school at the suggestion of the teacher.

Scholars have made good improvement in the studies which they have pursued. They gave proof of this at the examinations near the close of the schools. There are only a few scholars of whom this is not true ; and we would it were true of them. We hope it will be true of them in the future, should they ever be favored again with the privileges of the school-room.

There has been more uniformity in school books than in preceding years. The books generally used are those recommended by our State Board of Education. They are a good selection, and adapted to the wants of our schools.

The Annual Report of 1854 upon Common Schools of our State, has been received, and distributed. It is a document valuable for its instruction and counsel, and is richly worth the careful perusal of every citizen.

In some of the Districts the citizens have manifested an interest in their respective schools by their visits to the school-room. Those

schools visited most by parents and others have been among our best schools. We hope this practice of visiting schools will prevail in all our school Districts, and will do much to promote the good of our schools, and quicken the interest of our children and youth in the acquisition of knowledge.

A. SPAULDING,
Superintending School Committee.

TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

| School money | Prudential Committee. | Teachers. | Residences. | Diff. scholars. | Weeks school | Wages per month. | Scholars summer & winter. | Average. . . . | Over sixteen. | Undersixteen | Visits by S. C. | Visits by P. C. | Visits by cit's. | Given |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 \$97 47 | P. P. Wilkins. | Sarah H. Wyman, | Cornish. | 39 | 16 | \$6 00 | 27 | 15 | 0 27 | 0 14 | 2 | 2 | 0 14 | \$24 00 |
| 2 82 82 | Reuben Davis. | E. F. Dorr, | Cornish. | 25 | 12 | 16 00 | 26 | 22 | 3 23 | 2 120 | 2 | 2 | 1 18 | 24 00 |
| 3 37 70 | H. Bryant. | Ursula W. Fletcher, | Cornish. | 14 | 5 | 5 00 | 10 | 6 | 1 10 | 2 118 | 2 | 2 | 1 18 | 24 00 |
| 4 41 42 | L. Bartlett. | S. C. Richardson, | Cornish. | 19 | 10 | 13 00 | 23 | 18 | 5 13 | 3 812 | 3 | 3 | 0 25 | 15 00 |
| 5 60 41 | C. F. Huggins. | J. P. Martindale, | Cornish. | 24 | 8 | 14 00 | 19 | 16 | 4 12 | 3 0 25 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 37 00 |
| 6 126 30 | A. Comings. | Mary Harlow, | Windsor, Vt. | 24 | 8 | 4 50 | 14 | 13 | 1 14 | 1 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 29 00 |
| 7 75 53 | John Lane. | H. Johnson, | Cornish. | 27 | 10 | 15 00 | 19 | 17 | 5 15 | 2 110 | 2 | 2 | 1 10 | 66 60 |
| 8 75 82 | E. N. Wyman. | Lucy A. Kenyon, | Cornish. | 91 | 12 | 4 62 | 32 | 25 | 1 31 | 2 114 | 2 | 2 | 1 14 | 83 00 |
| 9 52 91 | G. W. Weld. | Henry Ayers, | Cornish. | 12 | 5 | 5 00 | 20 | 16 | 5 16 | 2 110 | 2 | 2 | 1 10 | 10 00 |
| 10 71 13 | S. C. Lear. | Frances L. Wyman, | Plainfield. | 12 | 5 | 5 00 | 28 | 25 | 5 37 | 3 1 87 | 3 | 3 | 1 87 | 20 00 |
| 11 69 21 | G. D. Kenyon. | Helen F. Baker, | Chelsea, Vt. | 11 | 6 | 6 00 | 25 | 21 | 2 21 | 3 3 35 | 3 | 3 | 2 17 | 12 00 |
| 12 22 47 | B. B. Churchill. | Sarah E. Hart, | Cornish. | 50 | 12 | 6 00 | 36 | 28 | 9 35 | 8 2 75 | 8 | 8 | 2 75 | 22 00 |
| 13 49 50 | J. B. Stemes. | Helen M. Richardson, | Cornish. | 33 | 8 | 6 00 | 25 | 21 | 2 21 | 3 3 35 | 3 | 3 | 2 75 | 22 00 |
| 14 21 27 | Q. Fletcher. | Josiah Davis, | Cornish. | 33 | 12 | 12 00 | 37 | 30 | 3 34 | 9 2 289 | 2 | 2 | 2 17 | 41 00 |
| 15 12 16 | | E. C. Bascom, | Newport. | 20 | 10 | 6 33 | 9 | 8 | 9 2 | 3 2 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 17 | 41 00 |
| 16 45 48 | J. Brown. | Fanny C. Ross, | Williamstown, Vt. | 20 | 10 | 6 33 | 9 | 8 | 9 2 | 3 2 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 17 | 41 00 |
| | | C. Richardson, | Cornish. | 41 | 8 | 5 00 | 26 | 23 | 2 26 | 2 0 11 | 2 | 2 | 0 11 | 20 00 |
| | | J. U. Nevins, | Cornish. | 36 | 8 | 5 00 | 41 | 36 | 6 35 | 2 0 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 7 | 12 00 |
| | | E. C. Ayers, | Cornish. | 36 | 8 | 5 34 | 30 | 25 | 6 30 | 3 0 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 0 | 22 00 |
| | | C. Miller, | Cornish. | 22 | 15 | 17 00 | 23 | 22 | 6 22 | 2 2 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| | | J. U. Nevins, | Cornish. | 12 | 13 | 8 00 | 12 | 10 | 5 13 | 1 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | | G. M. Chase, | Plainfield. | 25 | 12 | 5 00 | 13 | 10 | 1 13 | 2 1 17 | 2 | 2 | 1 17 | 41 00 |
| | | C. M. Ticknor, | Cornish. | 20 | 10 | 6 00 | 23 | 21 | 2 21 | 3 2 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 17 | 41 00 |
| | | E. C. Deming, | Cornish. | 18 | 10 | 8 00 | 18 | 10 | 5 13 | 1 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | | E. A. Deming, | Cornish. | 25 | 12 | 5 00 | 13 | 10 | 1 13 | 2 1 17 | 2 | 2 | 1 17 | 41 00 |
| | | [No School] | | 20 | 10 | 6 00 | 23 | 21 | 2 21 | 3 2 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 17 | 41 00 |
| | | Sarah E. Hart, | Cornish. | 25 | 12 | 5 00 | 13 | 10 | 1 13 | 2 1 17 | 2 | 2 | 1 17 | 41 00 |
| | | L. Martindale, | Cornish. | 20 | 10 | 6 00 | 23 | 21 | 2 21 | 3 2 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 17 | 41 00 |